**PTO Meeting Minutes 12/2/2019**

Attendees: Julie Kent, Leah Vickers, Renee Gilman, Stephanie Riley, Miranda Freeman, Christina Randall, Emily Escano, Kayley Talbert, Maren Schreiber, Kim Perry, Erica McRae, Quivetta Lennon, Jeremy Freeman, Chanel Mangum, Kristen Sullivan, Ellen Cox, Cory Hogans, Nicole Connely, Cassie Lewis.

1. PAC Rep: Need a parent rep for the Title 1 Parent Advisory Council. Meetings once a month (roughly), dinnertime and dinner is served. Soliciting feedback about how things are going from a Title 1 perspective, and for you to report back to the school about Title 1 initiatives. Want to know what’s going well and what they can do to get people more involved. Ask advice on where to spend Title 1 funds. School year only. Only requires about 1.5 hours once a month. District wants a presence from each school – Mr. Stroud will likely fill that role from an administration perspective (he is the Title 1 coordinator at the school) but we also need a parent. Little River has gone back and forth between being Title 1 and not (roughly 40% free and reduced lunch students) over time.
   1. Little River has a little over $100,000 in Title 1 funds, most of which funds teacher positions. Remaining Title 1 funds have funded initiatives such as Leader in Me.
   2. Would also love to see more parents at the SIL meetings – that is an open invitation to all parents to attend, and we also like to see the parent representatives on the SIL change over time (so if you are interested in being a rep for that, please let Julie Kent or Dr. Hogans know).
   3. If interested, contact Julie Kent for more info. Even if we fill the positions for this year, we can keep you in mind for future representative roles.
2. Crayons to Calculators: First shopping trip went great. Over 30 teachers put in forms requesting supplies, PTO parents loved doing the shopping. Teachers were very excited to get their $50 worth of school supplies! Three upcoming dates – Jan 28th, March 3rd, April 7th. Meet at Crayons to Calculators at 12:30. For 30 teachers, took less than 2 hours with 7-8 volunteers.
3. Science Night: Disney Family Volunteering Reward program called Points of Light, encourages families to volunteer together. Earn Disney one-day park hopper passes based on the number of volunteers at the event. 86 volunteers, so we earned 20 passes!!!! Want to set up this again for Spring Carnival. Consider a drawing that for every hour you sign up for, you get entered in the drawing to win 2 park hopper passes. Use as volunteer incentives or as raffle prizes. Think of ideas on how we can use them!
4. Penny Wars: 2nd grade won, and approximately $782 was raised. Goal was $500 for a mascot costume. And we found the costume on sale for less than $400! This will help offset some of the fundraisers that aren’t doing as well (such as Box Tops).
5. Go Play Save: Finished up last Friday, still some coming in. On target to exceed our goal of $2,500! Also selling books at Little Shops this Saturday – looking for volunteers. Looking for a committee head (or group!) next year on this fundraiser. 2-3 week commitment, stuffing envelopes (a group can do this), then checking as envelopes come in.
6. Little Shops at Little River – 10-2p. Big event, about 50 spaces sold over 43 vendors. Gym/cafeteria/hallway. Vendors will set up at 6pm on Friday, should be done by 8:30. Set up on Saturday starting at 8am. Want volunteers to greet the vendors, show them their space, help them carry things.
   1. Raffle prizes and baskets
   2. Bake sale, Bojangles biscuits
   3. Coffee and hot chocolate, drinks
   4. Want people to come out and shop!
   5. Signup genius link in the PTO meeting e-mail that went out on 12/2.
7. Family Nights:
   1. Sept Pomodoro - $300
   2. Oct Chipotle - $234.12.
   3. Nov Italian Pizzeria – TBD amount
   4. Coming up: 12/19 Picnic, 1/20 Pomodoro, 2/18 Hog Heaven, 3/16 Italian Pizzeria, 4/20 Pomodoro, 5/21 Picnic.
   5. Art Club – Art Night at Zaxby’s on Dec 10th. All sales.
8. Spring Carnival: May. Planning meeting coming up in January, if interested in volunteering let the PTO know and we’ll put you on the list.
9. Hospitality: Mr. Derby doing coffee and hot chocolate for teachers on Friday, and PTO is going to do some baked goods to go with it.
   1. Budget is $2000, spent $269 so far.
   2. Hospitality is going to pick up the recognition for adoptees for holidays and one other time. Something like a gift bag or goodie bag. Trying to source from parents first and hospitality budget second. Adoptees include specials teachers, staff, admin. 30-40 people.
      1. Wish lists for all teachers and staff on the room parent website.
      2. Sign-up is going out soon.
      3. If anyone has a great idea for something to add to gift bags, or if you want to donate something, let us know!
10. Next meeting is January 6th, first day back after winter break.